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SUBJ: AMERICAN OVSERVERS TO VIETNAM

1. OBSERVER VISIT APPEARS TO BE PROGRESSING WELL SO FAR. AUG 31 IN AFTERNOON MURPHY, GU, GULLANDER, SCERRA, BARR PROCEEDED DANANG FROM WHICH CENTRAL POINT THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE COVER ELECTION PREPARATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN NUMBER OF LOCALITIES IN I CORPS. THEY RETURN SAIGON EARLY AFTERNOON TODAY SEPT 1. ARTELL AND JAMES WENT TO NHA TRANG WHERE THEY HAVE REMAINED OVERNIGHT AND FROM WHICH THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO QUI NHON AND PLEIKU TO OBSERVE ELECTION PREPARATIONS PRIOR RETURN SAIGON.

2. OTHERS HAVE BEEN IN SAIGON AREA AND ON VARIOUS SHORT TRIPS TO LOCALITIES IN III AND IV CORPS. PLACES VISIETED HAVE INCLUDED PHU CUONG, CAO LANH, PHAN THIET, MY THO, BAO TRAI AND OTHERS. SEVERAL OBSERVERS APE MOVING MORE INDEPENDENTLY, NOTABLY SENATOR

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MUSKIE WHO MADE ARRANGEMENTS ON OWN FOR MEETINGS WITH PRESS AND ATTENDING JOINT PRESIDENTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE AUG 31. MAYOR MCKELDIN IS IN DANANG TODAY AND AFTER MORNING IN SAIGON
ARCHBISHOP LUCEY AND SENATOR HICKENLOOPER ARE IN CAN THO THIS AFTERNOON.

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3. MOST OBSERVERS ARE EXPECTED RETURN TO SAIGON BY LATE THIS AFTERNOON (SEPT 1) TO VIEW FINAL ELECTION RALLY OF CAMAPGIN TO BE HELD INFRONT OF CITY HALL AND THEREAFTER ATTNED AMB'S RECEPTION. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THE MAJORITY ARE FOLLOWING THE GVN SCHEDULE BUT SEVERAL ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE SEPARATE TRIPS AND ALL CORPS AREAS SHOULD BE COVERED.

4. REACTIONS SO FAR ARE FRAGEMENTARY AND OBVIOUSLY PRELIMINARY. ON BASIS OF THESE, HOWEVER, OBSERVRS APPEAR TO BE PLEASED AT OPPORTUNITY TO MOVE ABOUT FREELY AND THEY SEEM TO BE UNDERTAKING THEIR TASK WITH DETERMINATION TO BE AS OBJECTIVE AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVINCE CHIEFS, LOCAL ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SIMILAR CONTACTS, AT LEAST TWO OF THE OBSERVERS, GOVERNOR MCCALL AND RABBI RUDIN, HAVE EVEN STOPPED PEOPLE ON THE STREET ASKING THEM IF THEY HAD BEEN PRESSURED TO VOTE ANY PARTICULAR CANDIDATE. APPARENTLY THEY HAVE

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RECEIVED CONSISTENTLY NEGATIVE REPLIES.

5. SOME OF THE MORE CRITICAL MEMBERS OF THE PRESS HAVE BEEN AT PAINS TO GET TO THE OBSERVERS. ALSO, SOME OF THE OBSERVERS THEMSELVES HAVE BEEN ANXIOUS TO TALK TO CRITICAL CORRESPONDENTS AND HAVE DONE SO. CORRESPONDENTS HAVE ACCOMPANIED ALMOST ALL OF THE GROUPS AND IN SOME INSTANCES APPEAR TO HAVE OVERPLAYED THEIR HAND IN ATTEMPTING INFLUENCE THE OBSERVERS. FOR EXAMPLE THE ESCORT OFFICER FOR RABBI RUDIN REPORTED THAT MEMBERS OF GROUP IV, INCLUDING RABBI RUDIN, GOVERNOR MCCALL AND MR. PATTERSON, WERE CONSIDERABLY IRRITATED YESTERDAY, AUG 31, BY ACCOMPANYING REPORTERS (BUCKLEY OF NYTIMES AND ARNETT OF AP) WHO TRIED TO CONVINCE THEM THAT THE ELECTION WOULD BE FRAUDULENT. THE ATTITUDE OF THE OBSERVERS WAS THAT SO FAR THEY HAD NOT SEEN ANYTHING WHICH WOULD INDICATE
THAT THE ELECTIONS WOULD BE RIGGED. THE SAME OFFICER REPORTS THAT WHITNEY YOUNG HAS SAID THAT UNLESS HE SEES SOME INDICATIONS OF ELECTION RIGGING OR PRESSURE HE IS GOING TO START ASKING REPORTERS WHY THEY HAVEN'T BEEN REPORTING ELECTIONS CORRECTLY.

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6. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE WHEN REQUESTED AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR OBSERVERS TO MEET CANDIDATES. WITH INDIVIDUAL

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ARRANGEMENTS, AND THIEU/KY RECEPTION SATURDAY (TO WHICH CANDIDATES INVITED), MOST OBSERVERS DESIRING TO MEET CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE HAD ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY TO DO PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY. WE WILL REPORT ON THESE CONTACTS. KNIGHT AND SULLIVAN VISITED HUONG CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS TODAY WHERE THEY HAD OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH SENATORIAL CANDIDATES. LATTER GAVE PAT RECITAL OF COMPLAINTS AND NEITHER KNIGHT NOR SULLIVAN APPEARED IMPRESSED. BUCKLEY OF NY TIMS AND AP STRINGER WERE PRESENT.

7. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF AND MCCARTHY HAVE ARRIVED. WE ARE ASSISTING THEM IN VARIOUS WAYS BUT THEY ARE MOVING INDEPENDENTLY OF THE OBSERVER GROUP.
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FROM : AMEMBASSY SAIGON

DATE: August 1, 1967

SUBJECT : Activities of Election Campaign Committees

REF :

The Central Election Campaign Committee for the presidential and upper house elections (CECC/P and CECC/UH) have been organized and have begun the task of planning the election campaigns. The CECC/P has, in fact, completed the scheduling of group campaign trips and television and radio appearances. The schedule of campaign trips is so extensive that a candidate who went on all of the trips could have very little time left for other activities. This type of group campaigning seems to fit in well with the candidates' idea of how a campaign should be run, and it has the added advantage of simplifying the problem of providing transportation for the eleven presidential candidates during the campaign period. Thus, there may be less need for American assistance in making transportation available than at one time anticipated.

The Chairman of the CECC/P told Emboff that candidates who choose not to travel on any of the group campaign trips will not be allowed to make private campaign trips at that time (see Enclosure 1). This information conflicts with information from other sources, however, and therein may lay the potential for future recrimination and complaints.

The CECC/UH, having to arrange a campaign for a larger number of candidates (480 candidates on 48 slates), is not moving forward as rapidly as the CECC/P. The CECC/UH has adopted a program of television and radio appearances, but has not yet agreed on a plan for campaign trips. The Chairman of the CECC/UH has expressed

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the fear that, because of the large number of slates, the voters will go to the polls with very little idea as to the personalities or groups for which they will vote. Thus, he says (as have many others) that the upper house election will be nothing but a lottery.

Memoranda of conversations between embassy officers and the Chairman of the two campaign committees are enclosed, along with a translation of the minutes of the first report of the CECC/P, which sets forth the ground rules and gives a detailed schedule of the presidential campaign.

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Enclosures: 3 as indicated.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Participants: Mr. Hoang Nguyen, Chairman, Central Election Campaign Committee for the Presidential Election (CECC/P)

Donald C. Ferguson, Second Secretary, Embassy

Time and Place: July 27, 1967, Mr. Nguyen's Office

Subject: Preparations for Presidential Election Campaign

Mr. Nguyen explained that the election law only provided for one officer for the CECC/P, a Chairman. However, after being elected Chairman, he insisted that he be given two assistants, and so Nguyen Van Ngai was elected Vice Chairman, and Phan Van Duc was elected Secretary-General. The CECC/P has already agreed on a full month of election campaign trips, press conferences, and radio and television addresses by the eleven presidential/vice-presidential tickets.

The campaign trips will take candidates to most parts of the country. According to their plan, all of the presidential and vice-presidential candidates, and a representative for each slate will travel together. However, Nguyen feels that many of the candidates will not want to go on all of the trips. It will be a great amount of travel, and he doesn't think that some of the older candidates will be up to it -- in this regard he specifically mentioned Phan Khac Suu and Tran Van Huong.

The schedule of campaign trips is somewhat tentative as yet, as they will have to get confirmation from local authorities as to the security situation in each area. Also, ground transportation may be a problem in some places. He doesn't seem to think that air transportation for the campaign schedule they have laid out will be a particular problem. The Special Commissariat for Administration (SCA) is handling transportation arrangements for them. The one thing Nguyen seemed concerned about, and wanted U.S. assistance on, was transportation of campaign materials for all of the candidates, but I told him that American planes could not be used for that purpose.

Nguyen said that candidates would not be allowed to make separate campaign trips at the same time that a group campaign trip is scheduled. If they want to make private campaign trips at other times, then they will have

to make arrangements themselves, and get prior approval from the local Election Campaign Committee in the place which they are planning to visit, in order to make sure that there are no local scheduling difficulties. However, as Nguyen pointed out, the schedule for the group campaign trips is to extensive that it leaves virtually no other time for a candidate to strike out on his own.

Each slate will be able to speak for 20 minutes at each of two press conferences which are scheduled for August 15 and 31. One radio appearance and two short television appearances are also scheduled. Nguyen said that many of the candidates consider the radio and television appearances to be a great burden, and didn't want them to be too long. They felt that it would involve too much preparation. When I expressed my astonishment at this, Nguyen assured me that it was true, and explained that most of the candidates just didn't understand the purpose of election campaigns as conducted in western democracies, and had no concept of the voter's right to see and hear the candidates.

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Participants: Mr. Nguyen Tran, Chairman, Central Election Campaign Committee for the Upper House

Donald C. Ferguson, Second Secretary, Embassy

Time & Place: July 28 at Mr. Tran's House, Saigon

Subject; Election Campaign Committee for the Upper House

Mr. Nguyen Tran is the Chairman of the Central Election Campaign Committee for the Upper House (CECC/UH), and a candidate for the Upper House on the slate headed by Le Van Nghiem (new No. 46).

Tran said that because of the number of candidates (48 slates, 480 candidates), the Committee is having to severely restrict the candidates' campaign time. So far, it has been agreed that each slate will appear twice on TV, and four times on radio, for five minutes each time. In addition, each slate will have the use of a sound truck twice in each district of Saigon (9 districts). On these occasions, the individual slate will have the use of the truck for one-sixth of a day, as they will be sharing the truck with five other slates.

Candidates will be allowed to hold meetings and receptions in their homes or in restaurants. In addition, they may talk to voters at any other place so long as they do not use loudspeakers.

The Committee has not yet agreed on transportation arrangements. Tran said that the difficulty in reaching agreement on transportation stems partly from the fact that each candidate has a special area of the country where he wants to campaign, and is not too interested in campaigning in other places. Nonetheless, Tran said that they will have to arrive at some kind of a decision soon.

Tran is resigned to the idea (which has been expressed by many other Vietnamese) that the Upper House elections will be nothing more than a lottery. He feels that it will be impossible, considering the number of candidates and slates, and the extremely restricted time and facilities at their disposal, for the candidates to make themselves and their platforms known to the electorate. Therefore, the voters will not really have any sound basis on which to make an informed choice.

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Tran and other candidates are also concerned about finances. Each slate is receiving two million piasters (US $17,000) for campaign costs, and Tran maintains that this is not enough to cover the cost of hiring people to hand out leaflets, and to act as poll watchers. Another financial difficulty which worries the candidates if the requirement that slates which do not receive 3% of the total number of votes cast will have to reimburse the government the amount of their campaign costs. With 48 lists in the race, it is likely that even some of the winning lists will be required to make this repayment, as well as the losers.

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

CENTRAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

REPORT

The Central Election Campaign Committee was convened for the first time on July 20, 1967, at 09:00 a.m. at Dien-Hong Conference Hall by the Commissioner General for Administration.

After a statement of the purpose of the assembly, and presentation of its members, the following officers were elected :

Mr. Hoang-Nguyen	Chairman.
Mr. Nguyen-Van-Ngai	Deputy-Chairman.
Mr. Phan-Van-Duc	Secretary General/

Thereupon these officers took charge of the Committees meetings.

After three consecutive meetings, the Committee came to the following decisions :

1/ Approval of emblems and photos :

The symbol and photos of the candidates of each ticket are the symbols and photos which have been included in the dossier filed by the interested ticket for candidacy application.

2/ Headquarters, office stationery, and personnel of the Office of the Central Election Campaign Committee are to be provided on request by the government (Special Commissariat for Administration).

Headquarters, personnel and working means in the provinces shall be provided by local authorities.

3/ The lists of candidates' representatives in local Campaign Committees must be submitted by the official candidates' representatives to the Office of the Central Election Campaign Committee on July 24, 1967 at 09:00 a.m. These lists shall be dispatched to the Special Commissariat for Administration in order to permit the latter to inform by wire the interested provinces. Incomplete lists may be completed later.

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4/ Campaign expenditures are the expenditures (VN$ 5,454,545) provided for by law to each ticket, calculating on the basis of VN$ 12 per elector for the whole country. Each ticket shall be provisionally provided a sum calculated on the basis of expenditures occasioned by an electorate of five millions voters. This sum shall be rectified later according to the number of voters registered after the second posting of the lists of electors.

These expenditures are divided into two parts :

- Three million piasters are reserved for printing of posters and leaflets.

- The remaining is used in the remuneration of campaigners and expenditures for press activities (VN$ 2,200,000 for campaigners and 200,000 for press activities.)

The sum of VN$ 2,200,000 shall be remitted to each ticket on July 26, 1967 by the Special Commissariat for Administration.

- Each ticket needs only to fill out a declaration stating on its honor that a certain amount of money has been used for a certain purpose, as proof.

5/ In the election campaign, the following principles are chosen as directives for all campaigners :

- Respect the Constitution.

- Avoid personal outrageous attacks.

- Equal facilities for all.

- Avoid defamation.

6/ Posters : To be printed in black and white on one side; size : 65cm x 100cm.

Leaflets : To be printed in black on G.S.A. peper, on two sides; size : 20cm x 25cm.

Each poster and each leaflet can have only one emblem and two photos of candidates of the ticket.

Each ticket can have two kinds of posters and leaflets, equal in number.

The printing of posters and leaflets shall be undertaken

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by the Special Commissariat for Administration. The agreement concluded with printers for the printing of posters and leaflets and reception of the latter must be witnessed by all candidates' representatives.

Posters and leaflets shall be remitted to each ticket in two phases :

- First phase : August 4, 1967, at 3:00 p.m.

- Second phase : August 11, 1967, at 3:00 p.m.

- Posters shall be tied in bundles of five hundred each and packed in kraft paper with a sample of the poster on each hundle. Leaflets shall be tied in bundles of five thousand each and packed in kraft paper with a sample of the leaflet on each bundle.

- The government shall provide the means of transportation of posters and leaflets from the capital and provincial cities to the candidates' headquarters.

The government (Ministry of Information and Open Arms)shall mobilize its cadres for posting all candidates' posters and leaflets in public places reserved for posting of government notices and at polling stations (This is the duty of the government vis-a-vis the electors). However the total number of posters and leaflets to be posted at such places must not exceed one-tenth of the total number of posters and leaflets allocated to each ticket.

7/ Public talks between voters and candidates.

- The Committee fixed a number of locations with the following schedule :

August 6, 1967		Quang-Tri
7		Hue
8		Da-Nang
9		Quang-Ngai
10		Qui-Nhon
11		Nha-Trang
12		Dalat
13	} rest	
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15		Bien-Hoa
16		Tay-Ninh
17		Binh-Duong
18		Vung-Tau
19	) rest	
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	21	Ba-Xuyen
	22	Kien-Giang
	23	Chau-Doc
	24	An-Giang
	25	Phong-Dinh
	26	Vinh-Long
	27	Kien-Hoa
	28	Dinh-Tuong
	29	Gia-Dinh
	30	Saigon Municipality
	31	"Cong-Hoa" Stadium (Saigon)
Sept.	1	"Hoa-Lu" Stadium. (Saigon)

- Composition of the delegation of each ticket : three persons at the maximum (candidates or their representatives).

- Each ticket may speak for fifteen minutes at the maximum.

- They will speak in a different location every day.

- Before their meeting with the electors, the slates' representatives shall draw lots; the ticket which draws the number one speaks first, then comes the number two and so on....

- Means of transportation, board and lodging must be provided by the government to local and foreign press representatives who travel along with the candidates in their electoral campaign in the above-mentioned locations.

- Candidates or their representatives shall have full right to contact the electors at their private headquarters, except government buildings.

- Public talks between voters and candidates or their representatives in the provinces shall be arranged by local campaign committees.

- The candidates' representatives in the provinces have full right to contact voters at their private headquarters, except government buildings.

8/ The candidates will speak over the national broadcasting radio station in three phases :

a/ First phase : each slate speaks for ten minutes.

Schedule : August 3, 1967 for slates 5, 6, 9 and 2.
August 4, 1967 for slates 1, 3, 7 and 10.
August 5, 1967 for slates 4, 11 and 8.

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Beginning of the talk : 8:30 p.m.

b/ Second phase : Each slate speaks for fifteen minutes.

Schedule	: August 12, 1967	for slates 6, 8 and 1.
	August 13	for slates 7 and 9.
	August 19	for slates 11 and 2.
	August 20	for slates 10 and 9.
	August 26	for slates 3 and 4.

Beginning of the talk : 8:30 p.m.

c/ Third phase : each slate speaks for fifteen minutes.

Schedule	: August 28, 1967	for slates 3, 9 and 1.
	August 29	for slates 6 and 10.
	August 30	for slates 7 and 8.
	August 31	for slates 5 and 11.
	Sept. 1	for slates 2 and 4.

- The text of the speech must be submitted by the candidates themselves or their representatives to the Radio Station, # 3 Phan-Dinh-Phung street for tape-recording according to the following schedule :

July 27, 1967,	at 3:30 p.m.	for slates 5, 6, 9 and 2.
July 28	at 09:30 a.m.	for slates 1, 3, 7 and 10.
-	at 3:30 p.m.	for slates 4, 11 and 8.
July 29	at 09:00 a.m.	for slates 6, 8, 1, 7 and 9.
-	at 3:30 p.m.	for slates 11, 2, 10, 5, 3 and 4.
July 31	at 09:00 a.m.	for slates 3, 9, 1, 6 and 10.
-	at 3:30 p.m.	for slates 7, 8, 5, 11, 2 and 4.

9/ Appearance on television in three phases :

First phase : On August 3, 1967, at 7:30 p.m. All slates will appear, five minutes for each slate in the order in which they are registered in the second posting of lists of candidates.

Second phase : Starting on 9:00 p.m.

August 13, 1967 : six slates appear, beginning by the first slate and ending by the sixth.

August 14, 1967 : five slates appear, beginning by the seventh slate and ending by the eleventh.

Each slate shall appear for ten-minutes.

Third phase : Starting at 9:00 p.m.

The first six slates appear on August 31, 1967 and the remaining five on September 1, 1967.

Each slate shall appear for ten minutes.-

NOTE : The date and time set for film shooting shall be announced later by the Television Bureau.

If by any technical reason, the pictures of a slate fails to appear on the television screen, they must be shot the same hour during the television program set for the following day.

10/ Mobile broadcasting units.-

In Saigon-Cholon, each ticket shall be provided with five Mobile Broadcasting Units together with technicians during the whole period officially fixed for electoral campaign.

In the provinces, mobile broadcasting units shall be provided by the Vietnamese Information Agency through the intermediary of local Election Campaign Committees.

11/ Press-conferences.-

- Two press-conferences shall be held for all slates on August 14 and 31, 1967 at Dien-Hong Conference Hall.

- Eleven tickets shall preside over the press-conference.

- Each slate shall present its platform in the order in which the slates are registered in the second posting of lists of candidates.

- The press-conference shall start at 3:00 p.m.

- Each slate may speak for twenty minutes at most.

- Only representatives of newspapers published in the country are invited.

- The slates are free to hold their own news-conference.

- Free interview is granted to the press and candidates have full right to present their views through the press.

- All slates shall have the right to have their posters, leaflets or articles published at the same time on half a page of all newspapers of Vietnamese language. This publication shall be carried out in the order in which the slates are registered in the second posting of lists of candidates. This supplement shall be put in distribution in the afternoon of August 3, 1967.

12/ Observers -

The candidates shall delegate their representatives in provincial cities, municipalities and in the capital to deliver attestations to their campaigners and observers. Proxy of this act shall be dispatched to the Special Commissariat for Administration in order to permit the latter to inform the interested administrative authorities.

- Each observer shall be paid VN$ 500 as compensation (on election day).

This sum shall be remitted by local administrative authorities to the official candidates' representatives in provincial cities, municipalities and in the capital on August 28, 1967 at the latest, after complete name lists of observers have been submitted by the candidates' representatives.

13/ Intervening of the authorities in cases of illegal campaigning : In case of violation of the election law, or of the rules and regulations fixed in the report of the Election Campaign Committee, the slates' representatives shall have the right to request the authorities (process server, policemen, village administrative council) to intervene and establish a certified statement of the fact.

14/ The above-mentioned decisions are preliminary. Other decisions shall follow.

Saigon, July 24, 1967

Representatives of the slates,

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Transmitted as an enclosure to this airgram is an English translation of the campaign platform of the Truong Dinh Dzu-Tran Van Chieu presidential slate.

The platform is described as an "indoctrination document" to be circulated only within the "Unified Peoples Front" of Dzu and Chieu. The fact that it has been translated and printed in English suggests that Dzu may not object to its having a wider readership. The title page identifies Dzu and Chieu as the "'White Dove' Slate also known as 'Peace' Slate." Following are some of the more interesting provisions of the Dzu- Chieu platform:

In the international political sphere, Dzu would "propose a cease-fire with the HANOI Government to restore peace for the country." He would negotiate bilateral agreements with troop contributing countries which would "determine duties, interests of each country to avoid misunderstandings,..." And he would ask the British and Russian co-Chairman to reconvene the Geneva Conference.

Militarily, Dzu would "propose the U.S. to stop its bombing of NVN." "As soon as peace has been restored in the entire territory, propose the Allied forces to gradually retreat from the RVN (according to the bilateral agreements we have signed with appropriate governments)." "Propose NVN troops to retreat from SVN (in view of the future agreement that will be signed between North and South Viet-Nam Governments)."

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Internally, Dzu would inter alia: correctly enforce the Constitution, "after it has been amended"; "effect an amnesty program"; "negotiate with the NFLSVN to know its aspirations and points of view" (italics his); promulgate Highlanders' autonomy; welcome the repatriation of nationalist politicians in exile; and establish a National United Front "to materialize the peoples reconciliation policy and to develop the people's struggle potential for the strengthening of SVN." Dzu would also "put an end to favoritism, injustice and promotions for political cause in the army," and draft a more reasonable conscription policy. He would "totally reform" the national economy, would establish land development centers, and would effect land reform. Dzu's social, cultural and educational planks include launching "emulation movements" for the elimination of bullies, corruption, disease, illiteracy and debauchery; cultural exchange with Hanoi; and establishment of an oriental medicine institute.

As short-range goals Dzu and Chieu would: "1) Lower the present cost of living; 2) Equalize the supply and consumption of daily necessities; 3) Fight injustice, corruption, speculation, oppression and bullies, 4) Provide security for rural areas and cities; 5) Give amnesty to all criminals in the country so they could rehabilitate themselves in honesty and people's love for the construction of a new Viet-Nam."

In a brief biographic note Dzu mentions his legal experience, scholarship ("7 years of study of Chinese character--speaks fluently Vietnamese, Chinese, French and English"), Rotary Club activities, and the fact that two of his children are studying in California. Dzu notes that he "since 1944, never participated in any puppet government under the French, under Diem and under generals."

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